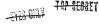
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

SUBJECT. Your Brufings of the NSC Executive Committee

 On 23 October you gave a brief intelligence report saying that construction at the sites was continuing. Lundahl briefed on the most recent photographs. It was at this meeting that it was left to your discretion to consider the matter of disclosures of photos and you sent Lundahl and Gline to New York to assist Stevenson.

At an evening meeting that day you briefed on military developments within the WARSAW fact countries, describing an increased level of Soviet military communications.

- 6n 24 October you briefed on the continued rapid progress in the completion of the missile sites and of the fact that 22 Soviet missile ships were en route to Cuba.
- 3. On 25 October you told the Group there had been no change in the construction pace; you covered the Watch Committee report, that Soviet armed forces were increasing the state of readiness; that Soviet armed forces were increasing the state of readiness; our described the Soviet ships of route to Cuba Carrying helicopters; the covered the departure of a Cubana plane from Canada to Havana; and also briefed on the num-around of 15 of the 22 Soviet ships.

At an evening meeting you briefed in detail on the status of Soviet shipping

4. On 26 October, which was attended by Stevenson, you covered the Watch Committee report which concluded that Soviet armed forces had completed measures for an alert but that here were no significant deployments. You see that the stevens of the same continued construction at the missile bases estimating that it had cost the Soviet less than one-half as much to put these in Cuba rather than buld ICBM's in the USSR. You summarized the status of shipping and made the point that nen-blockade sen-B ships could carry Soviet arms, and you reviewed briefly Castrógaprehensive reaction to the US quaranting. At Same is they are pressive.

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 On 27 October you told the Group that three of the four MRBM sites at Sam Cfristofal and two sites at Sagual grande appeared fully operational and covered the latest Watch Committee report on Soviet military developments.

- 6. On 28 October you agreed to lend all appropriate support to the effort to brief General Righty at the UN. You directed that Ray Cline participate in the draft reply to Khrughchev's letter. You asked that Cline insure supporting your position with a removal of the missiles should not end by giving Castro a sanctuary.
 - 7. On 29 October you covered the following:
 - a. Construction continues;

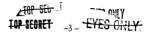


- The Watch Committee report was noted. There was no sign of change in Soviet military prepareness.
- f. You mentioned the point that press stories based on special intelligence must be prevented.

After the meeting you talked with the President and Secretary Rusk emphasizing that Castro Walff remain in Cuba with a greater security and this is the situation we must be careful of.

8. On 30 October you told the Group available data does not indicate preparation for dismantling and noted continued construction of nuclear storage bunkers. Many of the missile recetors had been removed and are no longer visible. You covered the shipping situation and pointed to the





danger of sabotage in Latin American countries urging that all Embasses and consulates be alerted. You also covered the Watch Committee Report which concluded that Soviet armed forces remain on alert and you reviewed briefly current developments in Laos, South Vietnam, and India, Soviet nuclear subs, and Soviet nuclear tests and you pointed out that our ability to analyze these tests had been impared by DOD withdrawal of collection vehicles.

- 9. On 31 October you told the Group that there was continued evidence that some of the launchers had been moved from the MRBM sites might be congrued with the first step at dismantling. You further pointed out that photos compared with those taken on Saturday and order to cease were probably not issued until Sunday night or Monday morning. There was discussion of the "intelligence gap" and you reviewed the Cuban SNIE of 19 September, noting that it failed to fully appraise on reports available.
- 10. On 1 November you briefed on details concerning U Thant's mission to Havana. You pointed out that Cuba probably would engage in recomaissance with anti aircraft fire since they had Saline that they had developed a pattern of recomaissance. Evidence indicates Soviets in command and control SAM system. You noted there had been no recomaissance in Eastern Cuba since 23 October. Decision was made at this meeting to cover Later 23, 11-23 bay 11
 - 11. On 2 November you told the Group there was evidence that the Soviets were dismantling missiles, but the assembly of Like 28 bombers was continuing.

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